

# VILLAGE OF DOYLESTOWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.....



Welcome to our Fall Issue of the Community Newsletter!

It's hard to believe that summer is over, but here we are quickly approaching the beautiful fall colors and nice cool weather. As I have said in the past, this is truly my favorite time of the year. Part of the reason I love fall is football. There's nothing like a high school football game on a Friday night. I enjoy supporting our CHS Football program by being an active member of the Chippewa Touch-down Club. In fact, on Friday nights when the Chipps are playing at home, I'm always there, running the scoreboard. GO CHIPPS!

Before you know it, Halloween will be here. Our Annual Snollygoster Parade is a unique Doylestown experience. Ask anyone born and raised here, and I bet they'll tell you that they participated in this event as a child, and now have the opportunity to experience it with their own children. The history of this event is located on Page 3.

Also inside is information regarding gas and electric aggregation. I know many residents are receiving offers and would like to make informed decisions as to what they should do. Hopefully this will guide you in that effort. Have a wonderful fall.

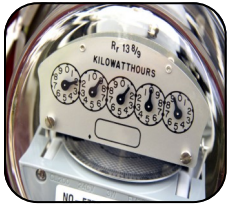
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## Understanding Electric Choice and Aggregation



Recently, we have received a lot of questions regarding our Electric Aggregation and how all the new Electric Choice offers showing up in your mailbox play a part in this.

**Electric Deregulation**, simply put means consumers have the power and the right to shop around for the best price from their energy supplier. This allows you to potentially save money on your energy bill, not to mention better service from the providers. Whenever there's competition in the marketplace, vendors and supplies are forced to cut prices in order to compete. *\*Suppliers must be certified by the PUCO*

**Aggregation**, is the process in which energy is sold to consumers who have joined together as a group to buy electricity or national gas.

**Current Program:** The Village has been in our current electric aggregation program with First

Energy Solutions (FES) since May of 2009. With this program, the kilowatt hour rate is variable, and program participants are saving 6% off their electric usage portion of the bill. This represents approximately 55% of your bill. The other 45% covers Ohio Edison's distribution, transportation and taxes. In February of 2012, our residents received a notice from FES which would have allowed you to opt out of the program for free if you so desired. If you did not opt out then, you were automatically reenrolled for 3 more years. To opt out now or anytime prior to May of 2015, you will have a \$50 penalty. To verify if you are on the aggregation, look at your last bill. Under "Account Summary", you should see charges from both Ohio Edison AND First Energy Solutions. FES can be reached at **1-866-636-3749**.

**Fact:** Everyone has a different "Price to Compare" which is calculated each month based on

your individual usage. As previously mentioned, this rate is variable and Ohio Edison has a summer and non summer rate. This "Price to Compare" figure is the figure you must use to find the best offer/choice that is right for you.

**Do your research:** Have your electric bill on hand, then go online to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's site [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov). Locate the "Apples to Apples" chart, Make sure you click on First Energy, as these are the offers you are eligible for. You can also call them at 1-800-686-7829 to get this information.

Another great resource is the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel. This is a residential consumer advocate organization. Their website is [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org) or you can call them at 1-877-742-5622.

Unfortunately, no one can predict energy prices to far into the future so we encourage you to do your research!

## Natural Gas Aggregation Update



The Village of Doylestown's new natural gas rate has been set at **\$4.77 per mcf**. This newly established rate covers the term of 11/1/13 thru 10/31/14. If you are already on the aggregation and would like to continue, you will be automatically reenrolled. Letters from IGS will be coming to you soon. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** You can get into this aggregation program at anytime within this 1 year period. Therefore, if you are currently with another supplier with a higher rate, and would like to join the villages program, we suggest that you check with your current supplier before switching plans to avoid any unnecessary penalties. To join our aggregation, **call I.G.S. at 1-800-280-4474**. Tell them you are a resident of the Village of Doylestown and would like to join the aggregation program. Have your Dominion bill in front of you so that you can provide I.G.S. with your account information. If you have any questions about our aggregation programs, please call Kristen Robison @ 330-658-2181 ext. 1104.

## History of the Lions Club Snollygoster Parade



The Village of Doylestown isn't unique when it comes to our annual village wide trick or treat program. In fact, many local communities still engage in this old time tradition. What we can claim as our own, is the **Annual Snollygoster Parade!** This has been a part of our community and put on by the Doylestown Lions Club for well over 65 years....yes, you read it correctly, **65 YEARS!**

The tradition begins immediately after the village wide trick or treat fun ends. Families are invited to gather at the square in town and walk to the **Chippewa Middle School** led by the Chippewa High School Marching Band. Once they arrive at the school, the band will perform a few of the songs which they play at the football game half time show. After that, the Lions take over and start the costume judging contest. Within the past 15 years, the judging has been done by the Leo Club, which is made of up CHS students. This has been a welcomed "new" tradition as told by long time Lions member Bill Daniel. He states that years ago when asked to be a part of the judging panel, he found it difficult to "*pick the best*" in each category. He wanted them all to win!! There are cash prizes of \$150 which are spread out over 18 categories. These cash awards are also provided by the Lions Club. In the past, local businesses provided gift certificates for their businesses as prizes.

After the costume judging concludes and the families are leaving, the Lions pass out popcorn and apples which have always been provided by CJ Dannemiller and Rittman Orchards.

Over the past 65 years, there have been a few changes to the program. In the 1940's and 1950's, they showed a movie as part of the program. As far as the popcorn and apples, well they used to be passed out as everyone entered the school, but that proved to be more work in the end with the clean up!

The costume judging categories this year are listed below. Amazingly, the **BOLD** categories have been on the program since day one. It's nice to see some things never change:

- **Largest Family in Costume**
- **Youngest Person in Costume**
- **Prettiest Costume**
- **Most Hideous Costume**
- **Best Witch-Warlock**
- **Best Gypsy or Pirate**
- **Best Ghost or Ghoul**
- Favorite Celebrity or Pop-Star
- Best Storybook Character

- Best Couple or Group in Costume
- Best Animal
- Best Occupation Costume
- Best Home-Made Costume
- Best Athletic Costume
- **Best Cowboy or Indian**
- Best Superhero or Cartoon Character
- **Best Hobo**
- Most Original

We invite you all to come and be a part of this truly unique experience. The Lions look forward to your participation on **Thursday, October 31st at 6:45 pm** at the square!

Thank you to the following Lions Club members who provided much of this information: Dave Liston, Master of Ceremonies since 1992; Olin Bleichrodt, Lions member since 1969; and Bill Daniel, the current longest standing member of the Lions Club since 1954.

## Community Bulletin Board



IT'S SNOLLYGOSTER TIME, COME ONE AND ALL,  
FOR A FRIGHTFUL GOOD TIME AT OUR HALLOWEEN BALL.  
WE'LL PARADE AND CELEBRATE THIS HALLOWEEN,  
WITH MORE GHOULS, GHOSTS AND GOBLINS THAN YOU'VE EVER SEEN.  
SO GRAB YOUR MASK OR COSTUME AND MEET US AT THE SQUARE,  
THE PARTY STARTS AT SEVEN SHARP, COME JOIN US IF YOU DARE!  
~ BY KAREN FOSTER



### Village Wide Trick or Treat

Will take place on Thursday, **October 31st from 5:30 - 6:45**. Turn on your porch light to participate.

The **Snollygoster Parade** begins at 7 pm on the square and marches to the Middle School where the Lions will host a costume judging contest.

We hope to see you there!



### LIONS CLUB ROSE SALE

Roses need to be ordered by **November 1st**.  
Pick up or delivery is **November 8th**.

Call Judy Campbell at 330-658-2312 or email her at [jcdoylestown@ohio.net](mailto:jcdoylestown@ohio.net). Orders can also be placed with any Lions Club member.

All proceeds benefit various community projects.

As always, thank you for your continued support!



Don't forget to turn your clocks  
back one hour @ 2 am on  
**Sunday, November 3rd**

### Christmas Tree Pick Up

Will be provided as a curbside  
service on **Monday,**  
**January 13th, 2014**



## COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



This annual event benefits local families in need throughout The Village of Doylestown as well as Chippewa Township.

The drive will be held on **Saturday, November 9th** from 8:30 am - 1 pm. Students will be canvassing your neighborhood for non-perishable food donations. To make it easy, simply place your donated items in a grocery bag on your front porch for pick up. The following list is what the pantry is in need of: **Canned Goods, Pasta, Noodles, Meat Helpers, Boxed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese and Soups.** Thank you!



## VILLAGE WIDE LEAF PICK UP

The Village will begin leaf pick up in late October and will continue weekly through the end of November. They will utilize the following schedule:

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday will be the east side of Portage Street**  
**Thursday & Friday will be the west side of Portage Street**

Please remember you cannot obstruct the sidewalks and streets with leaf piles. It is unsafe as stated in our **Codified Ordinances section 901.10**. We appreciate your compliance.

# Vote!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

**Voter Registration Forms** are available at Village Hall. Deadline to register for the November 5th election is *October 7th*.

**Absentee Ballot Applications** are also available at Village Hall. These need to be received at the Board of Elections by noon on November 2nd. All Information must be sent to the **Wayne County Board of Elections**, not Village Hall.

Please call the Board of Elections for more information on voter registration or absentee ballots at 330-287-5480.



## 32nd Annual Share-A-Christmas

Founded in 1981, this program has been helping children of Doylestown/Chippewa Township whose families are struggling financially to enjoy the holidays each year. Information is sent out through the Chippewa Local School system and parents must "sign up" and also submit their children's *needs and wants*. **Sign ups will be as follows: 10/27 Methodist Church 3:30 - 6:30 pm; 11/2 and 11/9 from 9 am - noon lower level of Village Hall; 11/19 Methodist Church 10 am - 2 pm and 5 - 7 pm.** Sponsors/donors go shopping for the items on a specific list, or they can contribute monetarily. Gifts of money may be sent to Share-A-Christmas c/o Hollis Agency 41 N. Portage Street Doylestown. Anonymity is of the utmost importance, from both the giving and receiving ends.

**Distribution date is Saturday, December 21st from 9 am - Noon** in lower level of Village Hall. If you would like to contribute in any way to this program or would like more information, please call organizer Karen Garrard at 330-658-9101.

*\*This program is endorsed by Mayor Terry Lindeman*



Do you know of someone who is in need of free meals? Please direct them to the Akron Canton Food Bank website. This site lists opportunities for **FREE** meals. All they need to do is show up, no questions asked.

Go to [www.akroncantonfoodbank.org](http://www.akroncantonfoodbank.org), click on the Learn More tab, then Need Food. Type in the zip code to find available locations. 330-535-6900 for info.

## VILLAGE WIDE CLEAN UP October 11th

Multiple large items (couches, chairs, etc.) are accepted, **ABSOLUTELY NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, TIRES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.** **FREON MUST BE REMOVED** from any appliance and **red tagged** by a licensed technician. Paint cans are accepted but the paint has to be dried completely. Kitty litter can also be used to absorb the liquid inside each can. Please leave the lids off so Republic can see that they are acceptable for pickup. *\*This service offered by the Village of Doylestown and Republic Waste.*

## Village Hall Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving, we will be closed on November 28-29-30 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

For Christmas, we will be closed on Wednesday December 25th.

For New Year's we will be closed Wednesday January 1st.

## REPUBLIC WASTE HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS

For the week of Thanksgiving, trash pick up will be delayed to **Saturday, November 30th.**

For the week of Christmas, trash pick up will be delayed to **Saturday, December 28th.**

For the week of **January 1st**, trash and recycling will be delayed to **Saturday, January 4th.**

Comments are invited at [kristen@doylestown.com](mailto:kristen@doylestown.com) or [mayorlindeman@doylestown.com](mailto:mayorlindeman@doylestown.com)

Our Community Events Calendar will help you stay connected. Check it out often for updates!

## 2013 Christmas At The Square



The **2nd Annual Christmas At The Square** will once again enhance our downtown with beautifully decorated Christmas trees during the holidays!

The Village of Doylestown cordially invites businesses, non-profit groups and families to display a tree in the spirit of Christmas. With registration, you are encouraged to decorate a tree for placement, to begin at the southwest corner of the square by Village Hall.

Once registered for this event, trees that have been decorated and properly secured must be placed between November 15th and November 30th.

**Tree lighting will occur Saturday, November 30 at 6 pm.**

Trees must be removed from the premises no later than Saturday, January 4, 2014.

Please contact Joyce Marshall at 330-658-3719 or Kristen Robison at 330-658-2181 ext. 1104 with any questions.

Registration forms and decorating criteria is available at Village Hall and also online at [www.doylestown.com](http://www.doylestown.com), News and Events Tab, then Christmas at the Square. Registration must be turned into Village Hall prior to November 15th. Thank you.

## Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!



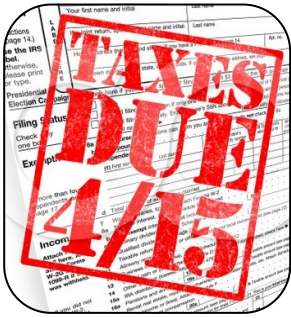
In coordination with the "**Christmas At The Square**" event, we have once again invited **Santa Claus** to visit with the wonderful children of Doylestown on **Saturday, November 30th at 5 pm.**

Santa is scheduled to arrive at Village Hall in a Fire Truck, compliments of the Chipewa Township Fire Department. He will be located in the lower level of Village Hall where the children can see him.

So bring your kids, grandkids and friends along with your camera to visit with Santa. Everyone gets a cookie and hot chocolate. You are invited to stay and watch as Santa helps the Mayor light the trees at the square.

We hope to see you here for this exciting event!

## From The Income Tax Department



Once again in an effort to save on costs, the Village of Doylestown Income Tax Department will **NOT** be

mass mailing income tax forms for the tax year 2013. The 2013 village income tax forms will be available at the Doylestown branch of the Wayne County Library, the Doylestown Post Office and at Village Hall. You may also obtain a copy of the tax form on the village web site [www.doylestown.com](http://www.doylestown.com). Go to the Village Government Tab,

then to Clerks Office/Income Tax. They are at the bottom of that page and are in printable PDF format. This year you can fill the form out online and print it off for submission.

The Income Tax Department also accepts all generic forms used by tax preparers. If you need a form mailed, please contact Ann Youngblood in the Income Tax Department at (330) 658-2181 ext 1102.

Recently we have received several income tax returns for the tax year 2012 from R.I.T.A. and C.C.A. Please be advised that the Village of Doylestown

**does not participate in these tax collection agencies.** Returns for the Village are filed directly with us.

All Village Residents over the age of 18 are required to file a return even if they don't owe taxes.

As always, we are available to help you with your Village taxes.

**Tax due date is April 15, 2014.**

**\*Quarterly Statements will still be mailed if you are making a declaration on your income tax return.**

## Village Web Page To Get Major Overhaul

At the Village Council meeting held on September 4th, Council voted to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with website designer CivicPlus.

CivicPlus specializes in using advanced technology to develop websites that increase citizen engagement, government accountability and operational efficiencies.

Since our website has not been redesigned in well over 10 years, our goal for the new website is to transform the current site to an innovative design that enables visitors to find the services and information they need in a user friendly way. Visitors will be able to

utilize the website with the latest technology allowing each individual to customize their web experience and also the way you choose to receive information from us.

This project is in the very early stages and the new website is projected to be completed within 12 - 14 weeks.

If you would like to see other municipalities that are using CivicPlus, go to: [www.cityoffairlawn.com](http://www.cityoffairlawn.com); [www.hudson.oh.us](http://www.hudson.oh.us); [www.grandviewheights.org](http://www.grandviewheights.org) or [www.maderiacity.com](http://www.maderiacity.com).

We are very excited for our new look to hit the web.

### 4th ANNUAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING

The Mayor and Village Council of Doylestown would like to thank all the residents who utilized our document shredding service on Saturday, September 28th. We requested that residents bring canned food items for donation to the Doylestown Food Pantry. As a result we collected many items for the food pantry to add to their shelves. We thank you so much for your support.



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### LAST BRUSH PICK UP

Will begin on Monday, October  
14th. Brush must be to the curb by  
8 am on the beginning date.

## From the Desk of Lt. Casey Tester



October 31<sup>st</sup> will be an exciting night in the Village of Doylestown, especially for the children. Trick or Treat will take place from 5:30-6:45 PM.

We ask that you please consider the following safety tips:

**Parents:** Escort your children and use sidewalks whenever possible; Instruct your children NEVER to enter a stranger's home; Establish a route for your children or group; Have a safe place to meet in case someone gets separated or lost from the group; It is always good preparation to teach your children your cell phone number or home number in case of an emergency; Choose fireproof, comfortable, light colored costumes that are easily seen at night. Consider reflective tape, flashlights or glow in the dark bags for candy; Have

children wear sneakers or comfortable shoes; Avoid carrying replica firearms, guns, weapons or toys that may be mistaken for the real thing; Always inspect your children's candy before they eat it; Consider not leaving your home unattended on Halloween night.

**Trick or Treaters:** Do not trick or treat alone; Stay in well-lit areas that you are familiar with; Be courteous of people's property and lawn; Do not take short cuts through alleys or backyards and only approach homes where the porch light is on; Do not walk in the road. Only cross in groups at designated cross-walks and obey traffic laws like you would on any normal day or night; Be cautious of vehicles pulling into and out of driveways; Stay away from dogs or stray animals; Wait until you get home to eat your candy and

avoid eating candy that is not in a wrapper.

**Homeowners:** Turn on your porch lights if you want to participate in Trick or Treat; Hand out only commercially wrapped candy; Never invite children into your home; Remove pets that may be tied out near the front door or in the house. Even if you believe your pet is docile or friendly. Do not take a chance that your pet may get frightened and chase or bite a child; Notify Law Enforcement of any suspicious activities.

**Motorists:** SLOW DOWN! Drive below the posted speed limit; Turn your headlights on, even if it is still daylight; Avoid talking on your phone or doing anything else that may cause you to be distracted.

**Have fun and please be vigilant when it comes to safety!**